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Applicant : James Orrin O'Dea
App. No. : 10/061,389
Filed : February 1, 2002
For : DIGITAL ERROR MAPPING
CIRCUIT AND METHOD
Examiner : Cynthia H. Britt
Art Unit : 2133

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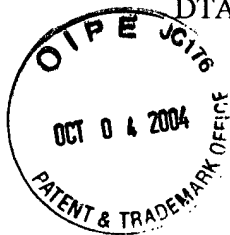
- (X) Response to Restriction Requirement in 2 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-9) for prosecution in the present application.

The present election is being made with traverse. Applicant submits that it is well established that :

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without **serious burden**, the examiner **must** examine it on the merits, **even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions**.

M.P.E.P. § 803 (emphasis added).

The non-elected Group is directed to an apparatus for error mapping a memory array and the elected Group is drawn to an apparatus for detecting an invalid bit pattern in a bit stream. A proper search for art related to the elected Group would necessarily include the classes and subclasses relevant to a search for the non-elected Group. Additionally, Applicant wishes to point out that there are only twenty (20) presently pending claims. Thus, examination of all the claims would not present "a serious burden" on the Examiner.

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Applicants therefore respectfully request that the present restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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